



# News Release

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## City Of Las Vegas Program To Be Showcased At National Meeting For Innovative City Ideas

*EVOLVE Program Assists Ex-offenders In Securing And Retaining Employment*

The city of Las Vegas was chosen from among dozens of candidates to participate in the 2004 "City Showcase" at the National League of Cities' (NLC) annual Congress of Cities conference in Indianapolis, from December 1 to 4, 2004. The Showcase is an annual display and celebration of innovative city programs from around the country, offering city leaders a chance to share ideas and valuable experiences.

The city of Las Vegas will showcase its EVOLVE Program, which was created by the city's Department of Neighborhood Services. EVOLVE is a comprehensive program to help ex-offenders reintegrate into society, with a primary goal of assisting ex-offenders in securing and retaining employment. The program seeks to increase public safety, reduce recidivism, improve the workforce in southern Nevada and promote self-sufficiency. EVOLVE is based on a continuum of care approach that provides accessible intensive case management, education and training to help ex-offenders secure livable wage employment. Since its inception in 2002, the program has been extremely successful. Currently more than 250 ex-felons participate in the ex-offender employment program.

Issues that range from downtown revitalization, youth initiatives, stormwater management, and emergency preparedness will be spotlighted in this year's Showcase, which will also feature a variety of other creative programs from every corner of the United States.

Conference attendees will be able to browse the displays, meet with representatives from the featured cities and learn how the programs were planned and implemented. The Showcase helps delegates network with other city leaders so they can implement similar effective programs in their communities.

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization for American cities. NLC serves as a resource and advocate for 18,000 cities, towns and villages of all sizes, which collectively serve 225 million people. For more information on the NLC, visit their Web site at [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

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